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SUBJECT US COURT DENIES EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE FOR
NEWFOUNDLAND OFFICIALS

1. FRONT PAGE COPYRIGHTED ARTICLE IN STJOHNS DAILY NEWS OF 12/29/75, DATELINED BOSTON, REPORTS THAT US DEPT OF STATE HAS DECIDED AGAINST INTERVENTION IN A RULING BY US DISTRICT COURT, AND SUBSEQUENTLY UPHELD BY APPELLATE COURT, THAT NEWFOUNDLAND PREMIER FRANK D MOORES AND THREE OF HIS CABINET MINISTERS ARE NOT RPT NOT IMMUNE FROM SUIT. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, MR. MOORES AND CABINET MINISTERS JOHN CROSBIE, ALEX HICKMAN, AND WILLIAM DOODY ARE NED IN ACTION AT LAW BROUGHT BY ROBERT SEMONIAN FOR GROUP OF US SHAREHOLDERS OF CANADIAN JAVELIN LTD. ALSO NAMED IN SUIT ARE LABRADOR LINERBOARD LTD. AND JAVELIN ITSELF. LAWSUIT ALLEGES DAMAGES OF MORE THAN DOLS 29 MILLION IN CONNECTION WITH NEWFOUNDLAND GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF LABRADOR LINERBOARD (THEN A JAVELIN SUBSIDIARY) 8 IN 1972.

2. IN BRIEF COMPANION ARTICLE HICKMAN CROSBIE, AND DOODY ARE QUOTED AS KNOWING NOTHING OF WAY BEING CLEARED TO SUE THEM IN US COURTS AND SCOFFING AT JAVELIN'S MANY LAWSUITS AIMED AT EMBARRASSMENT AND HARASSMENT. (MINISTERS UNCLASSIFIED

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APPEAR TO HAVE FAILED TO NOTE THAT LAWSUIT IN QUESTION IS NOT

A JAVELING LAWSUIT BUT A JAVELIN SHAREHOLDERS LAWSUIT.)

3. AS DEPT OF STATE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN APPROACHED ABOUT THIS MATTER, WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED ASAP WHO APPROACHED DEPT AND WHAT THEY WERE TOLD.

4. POUCHING NEWSPAPER ARTICLES TO EUR/CAN AND EMBASSY OTTAWA.

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